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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Detachment "H", 22-24 April 1962
(Project IDEALIST)

25X1A 1. The undersigned visited Detachment "H" at []
[] 22-24 April 1962. The visit was
made primarily to become familiar with the maintenance
problems at the station. 25X1

25X1A 2. Activity at the detachment was at a minimum due
to the stand-down order caused by the bad fuel. []
[] gave me a complete tour of his installation,
indicating the high and low points of the facilities. I
feel eventually additional construction to shelter ground
support equipment will be necessary. Presently, every-
thing but the Articles and shops are out-of-doors,
exposing this equipment to high humidity and heavy rains
during some seasons of the year. 25X1A

25X1A 3. During my stay, Article 378 was test hopped and
checked out okay after an extensive bad maintenance
history. The primary villian was the J-75 engine installed
that required at EGT of 460°C to transit the badlands and
was vibrating considerably at low cruise RPM. After the
engine change the article flew fine. I spoke to []
[] about a previous recommendation to install a
track which would ease the movement of aircraft in and
our of the hangar. His present thinking was to remain
status quo. He feels that expense and time down for con-
struction is not warranted at this time. Detachment
personnel; Admin, Commo, Supply, etc., have all become
quite adept at zig-zagging Articles in and out of the
hangar. It's a real team work operation. 25X1

4. This unit is very mission oriented and mission
conscious; all seem to work well together, the morale is
high and everyone seemed in good spirits.

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Maintenance Officer
Materiel Staff, DPD 25X1A**SECRET**

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